(क) क्या यह सच है कि वर्तमान गन्ना पेराई मौसम के दौरान पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश में गन्ना आपूर्ति बांड प्रक्रिया में बड़े पैमाने पर धांधली हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में विस्तृत ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस मामले में अन्तर्ग्रस्त दोषी अधिकारियों और अन्य व्यक्तियों के विरुद्ध कोई कार्यवाही की है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है व इन व्यक्तियों के नाम एवं पदनाम क्या-क्या हैं;

(ङ) आगामी वर्ष के लिए गन्ना आपूर्ति बांड प्रक्रिया को पारदर्शी एवं दुरुस्त बनाने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

खाद्य तथा नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री (श्री देवेन्द्र प्रसाद यादव): (क) से (च) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Interim Relief to Journalists

155. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is amenable to journalists' demand for grant of interim relief to the tune of 50%;

(b) if so, whether Government is to announce the same by July end; and

(c) if not, reasons and justification therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration of the Government and a final decision will be taken soon.

Unemployment among Handicapped Persons

156. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed handicapped persons registered with various employment exchanges in the country State-wise particularly in the State of Punjab during the last three years;

(b) the number of such persons provided with employment during this period, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) A statement prepared on the basis of the information furnished by Directorate General of Employment and Training is at Anne-xure-I *[See Appendix 178, Annexure No. 8]*

(c) Another Statement containing steps being taken by the Central Government to facilitate and promote employment of the handicapped is given in the Statement.

Statement

Steps taken by Central Government for employment of Handicapped persons

(i) Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights & Full Participation) Act, 1995 contains a provision that the appropriate Govt, shall appoint in every establishment not less than 3% of persons with Disability of which 1% each shall be reserved for persons suffering from:—

(a) blindness or low vision;

(b) hearing impairement; and

(c) Locomotor disability or cerebral palsy in the posts identified for each disability.

Some reservation in Group *C' and 'D' for Handicapped Persons had already been there even before the Law came into force. Similar reservation have been given by some State Govts. In addition, the Handicapped are also given 'age concessions' in the upper age limit and relaxation in the 'medical standards' for entry into Government jobs.